

THIS OLD MAN WAS BORN TO TROUBLE

At Seventy-seven He Tells
How He Has Been a Target
for Human Ills.

BY RUTH EARLE.

If man is born to trouble, as the
scripture says, Albert E. Florence
is the man.

Job and all the martyrs are out-
suffered.
For this gentleman, a survivor of the
San Francisco catastrophe, of Wednes-
day's Brooklyn Bridge collision and of
calamity upon calamity as well, has a
life history whose lightest word would
harrow up any soul, freeze the young
blood into strawberry paraffin, etc., etc.
That book of trouble sandwiched in be-
tween Esther and Psalms isn't a cir-
cumstance to this hard-luck story.

Mr. Florence is stopping temporarily
at a quaint boarding-house at No. 64
Sands street, Brooklyn. The place is in
the old style and makes a picturesque
setting for this unfortunate old man.
Three score years and seventeen,
he has a long, thin, lined face, long-
haired and bearded like the pard, with
the look of the forsaken in his blind eyes.
Mr. Florence was the very picture of
a saint—not the Latter Day brand, for
whom he cherishes a sincere reverence,
but the real thing.

"Now, I don't want to complain,"
said Florence. "I've been through all
my life, through all sorts of trouble. I
don't want to whine now. But it's no
joke when you're always earned your
bread to find yourself at my age help-
less and friendless and sick."

"This car accident has left me so I
can't walk for a while, and I must say
I don't feel comfortable in mind or
body."

Ruined by Earthquake.

"You see, I was all fixed out there
in San Francisco. I'm too old to work
hard, and since I've been blind these
eleven years I've been incapacitated
for most professions. But all that time
I've been selling papers on a Market
street corner. 'Prison—every day, rain
and snow and hail or sunshine—what-
ever came along. And I thought I was
fixed for the rest of my days and a
right to die in peace when the time
came."

"I had a good trade, and everybody
knew me. You see, I was a sort of pub-
lic bureau of information, and that
helped. I used to wear this."

The old man groped painfully under
his bed, pulled out an old army haversack
and produced therefrom a tin hat-
sign, reading:

Blind.
Buy a PAPER.
Correct Information
Cheerfully Given.

"Why, blind as I am, I could direct
anybody any place they wanted to go.
But I couldn't any more."

"That night after the shocks, when
the fire raged and raged about us, I
was for twenty-four hours on a trunk
in the square in front of the Mint, just
pictures to myself my lovely city going
up in smoke."

"But no one wants to hear about that
any more. It's an old story, and I
cleared out any way, just as soon as I
could, and started East to find my
daughter. Some kind folks helped me
as far as Salt Lake, and there the
Latter-Day Saints came to my rescue."

"Now, to my mind, they are God's
people. I've rubbed up against all kinds
of sects and belonged to most every-
thing from Free Baptists to osteopaths.
But I think that if ever I got
out of Salt Lake I'll be a Latter-Day
Saint."

They Were Kind to Him.

"They got the idea of kindness all
right. Got me a pass to New York and
made me up a little purse of \$5 to pay
my expenses until I located my waves.
Only I didn't locate her. It seems that
she's married and moved away,
and I can't even find any one who knows
what Mrs. Mercedes Emanuel—that's
her old name—has changed it to now."

"So, being laid up besides, you can
see I'm awfully blue."

"I'm beginning to get the idea that
I'm the unluckiest man in the world.
Yep, I believe I'm the target of human
mischance."

"All the things I've been through you
wouldn't believe—paralysis, every kind
of fever there is, fires and tidal waves
and earthquakes. Lord."

"I started out by enlisting in the army
the time of the civil war. Then I went
in the navy, and that sort of brought
out my taste for travel."

"So after my wife died and I knew my
daughter was well fixed—I'm of an age
when I started seeing the world. I
was sailing from country to country
twelve years, studying men and places
and things—most especially nature. I
had a book all written on my own ex-
planation of the world—tidal waves, ma-
gnetism, winds and things—but it
burned up in the fire."

"What have I done since I left the
sea? Almost everything."

Had Many Professions.

This is no exaggeration. Florence has
been actor, lawyer, merchant, miner.

A Bold Hold-Up!

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ALBERT E. FLORENCE, 'UNLUCKIEST MAN'

CHARMED LIFE WITHSTOOD
FIRE, WATER AND DISEASE.

A few of the things that have happened to Albert E. Florence, aged
seventy-seven years:

He lost everything save his life in the San Francisco disaster.

He suffered a nearly fatal stroke of paralysis twelve years ago.

The year following he went blind.

He survived the great South American earthquake in 1868.

He has contracted and recovered from every known fever, including
yellow fever (two attacks), typhoid and "Oroya."

He lost all his worldly goods by fire in Peru fifteen years ago.

He sailed the sea for twelve years and witnessed tidal waves and
the most fearful tempests.

He just missed joining the Latter Day Saints, and may yet.

He sustained painful injuries in the Brooklyn Bridge trolley collision
on Tuesday.

div engineer, ship carpenter, theatrical
manager, public lecturer, author, "sol-
dier and sailor, too," and "news-
paper man," meaning newspaper.

And this checkered career
sickness has laid hold on him again
and again. He never would have been
alive to tell the tale if he wasn't his
own physician.

He nearly died of yellow fever in Port-
au-Prince, and then had it again in
Cuba, Peru. The last time he cured him-
self. He devised a saving combination of
fly blisters, dry batteries and hot-water
foot baths that cured a paralytic stroke
twelve years ago, after the doctor had
given him up for doing.

"And once when I had been sick in the
hospital with fever and ague for five
months I discharged myself and
worked my own cure—an ounce of quinine
bills taken in three doses. Never
had another shake."

But the paralysis left Florence weak
and lame. He could only distinguish the
difference between night and day.

"But my mind's been keener since I
lost my sight. I've written poems and
patriotic songs—had a book written all
ready to print, but it's gone now, in the
fire."

"And if I can't find my daughter, what
will I do? Lord! Can't tell."

"I'd like to go on a lecturing tour. I
want to talk to the public school chil-
dren. I have two subjects—love and
duty, and thank, patriotism. Boys and
girls need good talks on both of these
nowadays."

"But I hope I'll find my daughter.
When you get to be old it's you you
want to die in your kin's house, if you
haven't got one of your own."

"Poor old chap! It's too bad he hasn't
one of his own."

The whole-souled landlady unbarred
the door of her room to let the old man
and her eyes beamed with charity and
kindliness.

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'GOOD EVENING' SAID
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Benjamin Schrader, a shoe dealer of
No. 217 West One Hundred and Forty-
second street, notified the police of the
West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth
street station to-day that during the
absence of his family last night bur-
glars entered the house and stole jew-
elry worth \$500.

Mr. Schrader remembered that when
he came home he met two men coming
down the stairs, carrying bundles. They
politely raised their hats, said "Good
evening," and when they got to the
street ran.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION
OF BATTLESHIP'S GUN.

PLYMOUTH, Eng., June 28.—One man
was killed and eight others injured by
the explosion of a gun on the British
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STORM FLOODS LONDON
ON KING'S BIRTHDAY.

LONDON, June 28.—A terrific wind
and rain storm did damage in this vic-
inity to-day. The banks of the Thames
overflowed and London is flooded in var-
ious sections.

Most of the arrangements for the pub-
lic observance of King Edward's birth-
day today were cancelled on account of the
storm, which was of tropical severity.
Over two inches of rain fell here in
eight hours, constituting a record. Many
persons were driven from their houses
by floods, the underground railroads
were inundated and traffic was stopped.

In some of the suburbs of this city
the streets were impassable to pedestri-
ans, and the imprisoned occupants of
flooded houses were rescued by firemen
in boats.

The King ordered the cancellation of
the ceremony of trooping the colors and
the Horse Guards parade and the aban-
donment of the reviews of troops at
Aldershot and elsewhere.

The usual "rainbow dressings" of the
warships at the naval ports were most-
ly countermanded.

A great amount of damage was caused
by the storm in the agricultural dis-
tricts.

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